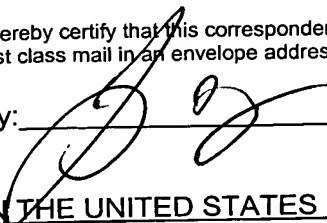


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Appl. No. : 10/023,139
Filed : December 18, 2001
Title : Optical Device Assembly with an Anti-Kink Protector and
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LETTER

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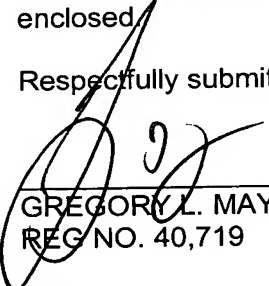
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